

Beginning 5759 at Sha'ar Zahav

High Holiday services this year will be held at Herbst Theater, with the exception of the second day Rosh Hashanah services, which will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Herbst Theater is located at 401 Van Ness Avenue at McAllister Street.

Services and ticket information

Tickets will not be required for the morning services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Yom Kippur Mincha service, the Names services or the Tashlich service. These services will be open to Sha'ar Zahav members, their guests and the general public.

Tickets will be required for all other High Holiday services. Members in good standing will be sent tickets to services automatically. If you are a member and know that there are services you will not be attending, please call the office, so we can make these seats available to someone else. Herbst Theater has individual seating, so it is important that we keep an accurate count of the number of seats that will be used.

Tickets will be made available to the general public on a first come, first serve basis after we have arranged seating for our membership and their guests. If you are not a member and are interested in attending Sha'ar Zahav services, please contact Lea Salem in the CSZ office after September 1. If you have been considering joining Sha'ar Zahav, now would be an excellent time to insure that you will be able to attend our High Holiday services. Lea will be happy to provide information and membership packets.

Tickets for nonmembers are \$65 per service, or \$150 for tickets to all three services. Low-income tickets are \$18 per

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Writing us: Please send all roster updates, newsletter submissions, dues payments, donations and other materials to our new home. *Use this address for writing to us only.*

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Visiting us: Rabbi Litman and our office staff are sharing space with the staff of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3281 16th Street, catty-corner from our new building. Our drop-in hours are limited. Please call us before dropping by.

Worship services: All Shabbat services, except our monthly East Bay service, are being held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Healing services are at Congregation Sherith Israel, 2266 California Street.

Meetings: Va'ad meetings remain open to all members, and are at 345 Church Street. (Church Street Gardens). For the location of committee meetings, contact the chair of the committee.

High Holiday Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 20

Ma'ariv 7:30 pm

Children's Program 7:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 21

Shacharit 9:30 am

Children's Program 9:30 am

Tuesday, September 22

Shacharit 9:30 am

Annual Cemetery Visit

Sunday, September 27

Hills of Eternity, Colma 10 am

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, September 29

Ma'ariv 7:30 pm

Children's Program 7:30 pm

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, September 30

Shacharit 9:30 am

Children's Program 9:30 am

Mincha 3:15 pm

Reading of the Names 4 pm

Children's Program 5:30 pm

Yizkor 5:30 pm

Neilah 6:30 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm for Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre.



Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's participation in the 1998 San Francisco L/G/B/T Parade and Celebration, June 28, 1998. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

Selichot Services

Selichot are petitionary prayers and meditations that help us prepare for the season of Teshuva, repentance. These services will be held late at night on Saturday, September 12, before Rosh Hashanah. Begin your high holidays at these introspective services led by Rabbi Litman, Richard Sinkoff and Eileen Levy. Services will begin at 9 pm at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

What's in a Word?

Over the past few months discussion has surfaced in the congregation over the use of the term "queer." This has occurred at various meetings, in response to sermons, in Torah study, and in reference to the *Gaily Forward*. There are people who feel passionately about this word — those who believe it should never be used because it is deeply offensive, and those who believe it must be used because it is the only word which conveys a certain set of core values. Whenever we, as a community, face this kind of ideological challenge, it's important that we listen to people whose views do not match our own, and that we present our own views as clearly as possible.



Rabbi Jane Litman

It isn't that unusual for a word to become a focal point for controversy. Though American culture asserts that "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me," Jewish tradition recognizes that words have power. God created the earth through speech. To name a reality is to give it substance. This is particularly true in terms of identity politics, in which the very act of naming is a creation of self and community, a redemption from silence, invisibility, and isolation. Language gives us the ability to exist for one another.

We know that homosexual people have existed throughout history; however, "gay" community, as we experience it in San Francisco and at Sha'ar Zahav, is a relatively recent phenomenon and is still developing form and lexicon. The historian George Chauncey in his excellent book, *Gay New York*, traces the development of homosexual linguistic identity. According to Chauncey, at the turn of the century, working class "fairies" adopted the term "gay" as a camp word to refer to things that were pleasant and desirable. A 1920s' novel, *The Young and Evil*, contains this bit of dialogue: "'I say,' said Osbert, 'you look positively gay in the new clothes.' 'Oh,' said Harold, 'you're lovely too, dear' and gave him a big kiss on the forehead,

much to Osbert's dismay."

But middle class men in the 1920s and '30s rejected the words "fairy," "faggot," and "gay" as too campy and instead described themselves as "queer," which at that period had a more dignified, understated tone (see how times change!). This word was subsequently adopted by the psychological establishment in its pathologizing of homosexual and bisexual people, and came to mean "sex deviates," in the most negative connotation of that term. "Queer" became widely used as a derogatory term, much the way "gay" is sometimes used as an insult by school children today.

By World War II, younger homosexual men of all classes rejected as pejorative the label "queer" used by the prior generation. They chose instead to use the word "gay" to apply to themselves. Some older homosexual men preferred "queer" to "gay," not liking its original association with the "fairies." As one man wrote in his diary in 1951: "The word 'queer' is becoming more and more derogatory and less and less used by ... homosexuals, especially the younger ones, and the term 'gay' is taking its place. I loathe the word, and stick to 'queer' but am constantly being reproved."

Since Stonewall, "gay" has been the word of choice for homosexual men. But it has limitations. It doesn't seem to include lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people, nor transgressive or open-minded heterosexual people who have joined themselves to this community. Currently, in some circles of the "gay etc." community, "queer" has come to stand for an inclusive communal identity which defines itself in opposition to mainstream sexual identity norms. But to many people, particularly those who came to adulthood before Stonewall, the term is an insulting throwback to days of bigotry and pain.

As Jews, we understand the sacred power of authentic and compassionate communication. In Jewish tradition, this is called a *makhlakah leshem shamayim*, a controversy for the sake of heaven. It is through these *makhlakot*, these engagements, that we grow toward *kedusha*, holiness, and become like the angels, though often—in the heat of exchange—that isn't so easy to discern.

Trail Midrash

September is one of the Bay Area's most beautiful months and one of the busiest in our schedules. Summer has officially ended, school has begun and High Holidays are approaching, but CSZ's Talmud Torah committee and La'atid want to help you get out to enjoy the glorious fall weather. Come slow down and let Torah and nature inspire you to have meaningful High Holidays at Trail Midrash on Shabbat morning, September 19. We will hike the 3.5-mile Stream Loop Trail in Redwood Regional Park in the Oakland Hills and study Parashah Nizzavim, the Torah portion of the week. If you did not know that there are redwood forests and trout streams in Oakland, this is a hike not to miss.

Participants should bring a picnic lunch, plenty of water and any readings to enhance our Torah study. People who would like to carpool should meet at Mishkan Dolores at 9 am. Others can meet at the trail head at 10:15 am. From the Oakland side of the Bay Bridge, take Highway 580 to 35th Avenue which becomes Redwood road. Drive two miles past Skyline Boulevard to the park entrance. Park at the Canyon Meadow Staging Area at the end of the road. RSVPs are helpful. Please call Renée (861-6932).

Rabbi News

Rabbi Litman will participate in Habitat for Humanity's Clergy Day on September 1, and assist in building affordable housing in San Francisco.

Rabbi Litman will attend a meeting of the San Francisco Women Clergy on September 2, and continue her involvement with that organization.

Rabbi Litman will participate in the Interfaith Conference for Clergy on Domestic Violence in San Francisco on September 3.

Rabbi Litman's sermon topic on September 4 will be "Labor Day: A Jewish Perspective on the Protestant Work Ethic."

Rabbi Litman will co-lead the Freedom to Marry Interfaith Service at the Unitarian Center on September 15, an interdenominational service upholding the gay and lesbian community's right to religious and legal marriage.

Mishkan Dolores—The Final Stretch

With its distinguished cupola proudly adorning the roof, our new Mishkan at Dolores and 16th is quickly becoming the impressive new sanctuary and home we dreamed it would be. Thanks to so many of you who have pledged generously to make this dream come true, we have now raised \$1,626,000 in pledges towards our Phase I and II combined goal of \$1,750,000. Mazel tov to us all!

Construction Timeline

Construction is progressing very well and despite torrential rains in the spring, we now expect a "substantial completion" date of October 15. We will spread the word as soon as the dates of our first services in Mishkan Dolores are confirmed.

We are scheduling volunteer painting parties, most likely to take place during September, to be coordinated by Michael Schaffer and Beth Souza. Please call the office if you can join in the work and fun. In addition, Lezlie Frischman has agreed to coordinate art projects being donated by some of our members and friends.

Fundraising and Budget

We now have only \$124,000 to raise in order to reach our goal of \$1.75 million. Despite our fundraising success, we are facing a cash-flow shortage this fall. Almost all bills for the new building must be paid by the end of the year though our pledges are being paid out over several years. As most of you know, we have borrowed money from several sources to cover the difference between the cash already paid in by pledges and

the total bill due when the building is completed. The remainder of our current pledge payments (as well as new pledges from new members) paid in over the next few years will go towards paying off those loans.

We estimate that we will need an additional \$90,000 in cash by the end of 1998. If you are able, please accelerate your pledge payments to help us through this pinch. If you can help us to avoid the cash-flow shortfall in any way, please call Ellie Cohen (455-0416) or CSZ Treasurer Arthur Slepian (452-9143).

Donor Acknowledgement

The Va'ad approved a donor and volunteer recognition policy for our new Mishkan to address the diverse range of giving abilities and beliefs of CSZ members. First, everyone who donates any amount of money or time to our new building effort, no matter what the amount and regardless of CSZ membership, will be listed on a recognition wall in the new building (unless the person or family requests anonymity). The names will be listed in random order in the main entrance. The artistic presentation, is being completed by a subcommittee of the Architecture and Design Committee, with approval from the Va'ad.

The second part of the Va'ad-approved policy is that donors who contributed \$10,000 or more will also be acknowledged in the building, using a design similar to the community wall described above. Donors in this category

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Experiencing the Mikva: Purifying Body and Soul for the New Year

It is a traditional custom for Jews to go to the mikva, the ritual bath, before the High Holidays. We immerse ourselves in the mikva as a physical act of cleansing ourselves of our spiritual errors from this year in preparation for the new year. CSZ is holding a mikva program to give you the opportunity to learn about and incorporate the mikva into your spiritual practice.

Rabbi Litman will lead a study session on the historical, modern and feminist meanings of the mikva on the Sunday before Rosh Hashanah. Following this session, participants will have a guided tour of the San Francisco Mikva. During the two weeks following the class, there will be reserved evening appointments at the Mikva available to CSZ members who wish to immerse themselves as part of their High Holiday observance.

The class and the tour will take place on Sunday, September 13 from 10 am to 1 pm. A bagel brunch will be provided. The class will be at the San Francisco JCC, 3200 California Street (at Presidio). From there we will walk together to the Mikva on Sacramento Street. There is an \$18 fee payable to the SF Mikva Society for immersion and an \$18 non-member fee for the class. For more information and to RSVP, call Renée Bauer in the CSZ office (861-6932).

La'atid Hosts Pre-Holiday Dinners

La'atid invites you to begin the new year with friends at an Erev Rosh Hashanah picnic dinner on Sunday, September 20 at 6 pm. And in order to assure that you don't begin Yom Kippur on an empty stomach, La'atid is hosting a pre-fast communal dinner, on Wednesday, September 29 at 6 pm. Following each dinner we will walk together to Herbst Theatre for 7 pm services. Both dinners will be vegetarian and will be held at New College Law School, 50 Fell Street (between Polk Street and Van Ness Avenue). To reserve a space, call Renée Bauer in the CSZ office (861-6932).



Construction progress on Mishkan Dolores. Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. July 19, 1998. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

The 1998 Advance

The leadership of Sha'ar Zahav held the annual Advance on the weekend of July 24-26 at Saratoga Springs, near Ukiah. While we have been holding Advances for a number of years now, this year was different in several ways: a new location, Rabbi Jane was with us all weekend for the first time and we had many first-timers. In planning for the Advance, and in the time between the invitations being mailed and folks making their final decisions to attend, a number of questions were raised. I will attempt to answer those questions, explain the purpose of the Advance, and offer some insight into what is a very powerful leadership weekend for those who attend.



Diana Buchbinder

What is the Advance?

Most organizations have retreats. These events are typically used for planning, bonding, problem solving or strengthening one's spiritual connection. Here at Sha'ar Zahav, we are a forward-looking, progressive organization, so we call ours an Advance.

Who plans and leads the Advance?

The Advance is planned by committee (what isn't). This year's committee was made up of Sarita Groisser, Jeff Forman, Susan Tubbesing, David Gellman and me. The facilitator is Susan Colson, who has been with us for more than ten Advances, and knows us and our process completely. Rabbi Jane reviewed the agenda and gave suggestions and comments. Rabbi Litman and members of the Ritual Committee plan the Friday night and Saturday morning services.

What happens at the Advance?

The Advance provides a chance for leaders in the congregation to get to know one another better and to discuss specific topics of congregational life. We sing, play, study, discuss, read Torah and generally consider our relationships to the congregation. We also eat, hike, swim and spend playtime together. The Advance has a specific topic each year; this year the topic was "Our Jewish Community."

What happens with the things discussed at the Advance?

From the discussions that take place, new areas of concern, programming ideas and other issues are identified. Although needs are identified, no policies are made and no action is taken. The time is specifically for exploration and identification of matters to be dealt with in the coming year.

Why do we do an Advance?

We get to practice our meeting and discussion process at an Advance and have the benefit of Susan Colson, our teacher, to help us. We get to consider issues without being pressured to "solve" problems. We get to know each other better as individuals. Each member actively involved in leadership has something to teach.

How does one get invited to an Advance?

The Advance is one of the few "closed" events at CSZ. The members invited to participate hold leadership positions within the congregation as Va'ad members, committee chairs, chairs of special events, officers, past officers and chairs who have remained active, and other active and involved members who do committee work, volunteer for congregational events and projects or are otherwise actively involved. Our dedicated and talented CSZ staff also joins us. Each year about 150 invitations are sent out; of that one-third accept. Sometimes oversights happen. No slight is intended and a call to the Advance planning committee sets things right.

What about me?

Get involved. Nothing big. Help out at High Holidays; pick a simple task. Nothing is too small. Come paint the new building with us. Do not let the thought of being a Va'ad member or committee chair overwhelm you. There are so many less-demanding, but not less-important, ways to be involved.

Save the Date

The dedication celebrations for our new building will take place over the weekend of December 18-20.

Sukkot and Simchat Torah Celebrations—Save the Dates!

Sukkot 5759 begins at sunset on October 4 and lasts for seven days until October 11. CSZ will host two Sukkot celebrations during that week. The congregation then will celebrate Simchat Torah together at a service Sunday evening October 11. Watch for further details.

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Rosh Hashanah— Teshuva From Fear and From Love

—Nina Wouk

Teshuva means turning and returning. One famous Talmudic example of teshuva was Resh Lakish, who lived in Roman times, shortly after the destruction of the Temple. Raised as an observant Jew, he ran off to become a bandit and gladiator. Years later, he saw a "beautiful woman" bathing in a river, ran to attack her and found that "she" was in reality a man, a rabbi, who convinced him to seek a permanent union with the people he had once deserted.

Having experienced such a dramatic change of direction, Resh Lakish became an authority on teshuva. He spoke of two kinds, teshuva from fear and teshuva from love. The first, he said, cancels a person's failing and the second turns it into a strength. Fear is necessary to motivate change, love to achieve it. Neither all fears, nor all loves lead to teshuva, however. A moral and spiritual element is crucial.

The Rosh Hashanah Torah readings illustrate the point in the story of Hagar. Hagar's failing was despair. Her situation was grim; nevertheless, by giving up she worsened it, almost losing her life and the life of her son.

Hagar, Sarah's handmaid, bore Ishmael. When Sarah bore her own son, Isaac, she ordered Abraham to disinherit Hagar's son and exile both Hagar and Ishmael.

In Hagar's story, she experiences fear and love, but neither initially changes either her ideas or her situation. Her love is helpless, her fear is physical. She is the archetypal single mother, homeless, rejected by her family, lacking the resources to survive or to care for her child.

Even in Hagar's dreadful situation, the means of survival are at hand. Before she can find and use them, however, she needs to realize that she could be acting differently, that she has decided to give up and that she has the power to change that decision.

Hagar, as both individual and ancestor, is not only preserved but also protected. Her guilt departs, replaced by purpose. No longer abandoned, she no longer feels forced to abandon her son.

Hagar returns literally from the edge of death to life. Fear of death reduces

her to despair; fear of returning to her former despair motivates action. The Eternal One shows love by sending a message of reassurance, by opening Hagar's eyes to allies, divine and human, spiritual and social, and to the physical resources around her. This love lets her turn from fear and act on her own love for her son.

While Resh Lakish didn't leave such a detailed psychological portrait as the Torah gives us of Hagar, his thoughts on teshuva strongly hint that he must have gone through the same stages in changing his life. When he feared only death, that fear undoubtedly served to make him a better criminal. His divine messenger was the "beautiful woman" who turned out to be another man. The rabbi offered love in the forms of friendship and kinship, a context supporting change.

Both Hagar and Resh Lakish turned inward, in fear not of death but of conscience, and then outward, in hope of sharing love. Their stories are a message to all of us, facing our hardest choices, to follow their example.

Annual Cemetery Visit

We will conduct our annual visit to our congregational cemetery at Hills of Eternity in Colma on Sunday, September 27, at 10 am. It is Jewish custom to visit the cemetery at the High Holidays, and at Sha'ar Zahav we pay our respects to the deceased on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Our visit entails a very brief, intimate service in which we read the names of our deceased members and have an opportunity to recall all our loved ones who have died.

The service is followed by a light picnic breakfast provided by the Cemetery Committee. We will conclude by 11 am or so.

For more information, please contact a member of our Cemetery Committee through the synagogue office.

Yizkor Ehlohim

Rachel Mailman

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June Va'ad Meeting

—Mark Bowers, Recorder

D'var torah: Rabbi Jane Litman read a sampling of poetry that had been presented at the Israel in the Park celebration. The occasion honored the 50th anniversary of the state of Israel. In addition, she circulated a list of rabbis who have signed an agreement to conduct same-gender marriage ceremonies.

Program director's report: Program Director Renée Bauer brought signage from the Israel in the Park event and commented on the successful outreach that was accomplished. She observed that the event was a rare opportunity for Israel to be viewed in a positive light by the gay press and an opportunity for the gay community to be viewed in a positive light in the context of a celebration of Israel. Renée also announced an upcoming diversity dialog entitled "Couples and Faith."

Rabbi's report: Rabbi Litman reported that in the last month, there have been many newly announced pregnancies, one baby naming, an aufruf and two welcomes to the covenant. She added that in the next week there would be another aufruf and a bar mitzvah.

Rabbi Litman requested further input regarding the direction that should be pursued with regard to the action of ARZA. Further discussion of this topic is slated for the next Va'ad meeting.

Folsom Street Fair: Joe Hample proposed that Sha'ar Zahav sponsor a booth and sell T-shirts at the upcoming Folsom Street Fair, scheduled for September 27. Mike Rankin will provide staffing for the booth. Fees will include booth rental and a vendor charge. An anonymous donor has agreed to bear the expense of this fundraising opportunity up to \$500. The Va'ad indicated approval and enthusiasm for the proposal. Dor Rishon will have a budget soon and money can be obtained there, but if more is needed, Va'ad approval will be needed.

July Va'ad Meeting: It was proposed that business, including approval of new members, be handled via e-mail or mail rather than a face-to-face meeting in July. The Va'ad agreed.

Congregational meeting: The congregational meeting was brief, the budget was approved with few questions

and new officers were selected.

Mishkan Dolores update: The new roof has been put on the new building. Move-in probably will be in October.

Administrator's report: Temple administrator Lea Salem reminded Va'ad members of the upcoming Advance and urged participation. Greeters are needed on Shabbat morning — please review your schedules and help if you can.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Arthur Slepian distributed financial statements for April, noting that Mishkan Dolores pledges are rapidly being fulfilled.

Membership committee report: Sara Haber proposed two new member units which were approved. Sara then circulated greeters' schedules. The Dues Committee proposed that the Va'ad look again at the Friend's category of membership.

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Bikkur Cholim literally means "visiting the sick." At CSZ, we make it our mission to assist members in need. The Bikkur Cholim Committee has organized activities such as driving people to medical appointments, grocery shopping, rides to Shabbat services and CSZ functions, setting up homes for shiva, preparing meals and visiting homebound and those in board and care facilities.

The committee is currently compiling a list of members who can help with these and other activities as the need arises. If you are available on an occasional, on-call basis, particularly in the daytime, this is an excellent opportunity to meet other members and help those in need of assistance.

Please call the CSZ office and leave your name and phone number with the office staff. A member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee will get in touch with you.

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Making Friends in Our New Neighborhood

CSZ's Social Action Committee is experiencing a number of changes. The first is that it is changing to a new Hebrew name, Tikkun Olam, meaning repair of the world. We as Jews are commanded to complete God's work of creation by repairing our imperfect world. A more major shift in the committee is that after many years of dedicated, often solo, service, Eloise Magenheimer has stepped down as chair. Our deepest appreciation goes to Eloise for all her hard work.

Laura Lowe and Allan Berenstein have taken Eloise's place as co-chairs of the committee. Their vision for social action at Sha'ar Zahav is a hands-on model of local community service. With help from other members, they have begun to make contact with the churches and social service agencies in the immediate vicinity of our new syna-

gogue. Our move into the Mishkan brings with it the responsibility of helping our neighbors who are in need.

To begin fulfilling this responsibility, the Tikkun Olam Committee will organize one service project each month that congregants can participate in without attending any meetings. We will be delivering Rosh Hashanah baskets at JFCS in September (see article below). In October, we will work on Habitat for Humanity's "Building on Faith" program that is building four affordable homes on South Van Ness Avenue in our own Mission neighborhood. CSZ has signed up to provide volunteers for a workday on October 11. Each volunteer is asked to raise \$100 in pledges to support the project. If you cannot work, please consider supporting one of CSZ's volunteers. To sign up or for more information, call Renée Bauer in the CSZ office.

Feed the Hungry in San Francisco

During the present month of Elul, Jews all over the world are preparing themselves and their communities for the High Holidays through mitzvot. Feeding the hungry is a time-honored tradition, and it is a pressing need in San Francisco, and in Sha'ar Zahav's new neighborhood, the Mission. Here are two suggestions:

St. Matthew's Food Bank

Our host congregation of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church runs a small food bank which provides food and small necessities to get people through emergency situations and supplement help they get from other sources. St. Matthew's is running very low on supplies, and it is increasingly difficult for the church to offer assistance to people who need it.

During Elul, we're asking Sha'ar Zahav's members and friends to bring a can or two to services with them for the food bank. (You can also drop by during office hours if you're in the neighborhood). Canned food and other nonperishables (glass is a problem), supplies like tissues or tampons, and even spare can openers will find a good home. A box will be put in the oneg room for donations. This is a much-needed mitzvah, so give St. Matthew's a hand!

Yom Kippur AIDS food drive

Donate food to those in need on Yom Kippur this year, as Sha'ar Zahav continues our tradition of collecting food for Project Open Hand at the High Holidays. Collection will take place at Kol Nidre and until noon on Yom Kippur.

One reason for the Yom Kippur fast is to remind ourselves of the hunger many people face throughout the year. Make this year's fast still more meaningful by bringing nonperishable foods to donate on Yom Kippur.

Tikkun Olam Project to Begin the New Year

Sha'ar Zahav's Tikkun Olam/ Social Action Committee invites you to begin 5759 with *gemilut chassadin*, acts of loving kindness. On the morning of Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, September 20, Sha'ar Zahav volunteers will join volunteers from Jewish Family and Children's Services to deliver Rosh Hashanah baskets to elderly, disabled and HIV/AIDS clients of Jewish Fam-

ily and Children's Services. In addition to delivering baskets, volunteers will be encouraged to visit with these homebound clients. Don't miss the opportunity to help someone else begin their new year on a sweet note. Volunteers should meet at JFCS, 1600 Scott Street (at Post) at noon and expect to be finished no later than 3 pm. RSVP to Allan Berenstein (863-8033).



Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's participation in the 1998 San Francisco L/G/B/T Parade and Celebration, June 28, 1998. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

Members' Yahrzeits

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25	Frank Hyman
25	Jeffrey Lewis Cohen
27	Drew Siegel

Ritual Committee News

—Lyssa Friedman,
Ritual Committee chair

The Ritual Committee is proud of our strong lay leadership. In partnership with Rabbi Litman, we have maintained and strengthened that tradition.

At each Ritual Committee meeting we review past services, integrating feedback from each other and from the congregation. Our goal is to celebrate the diversity of talent among our community while ensuring both consistency of practice and adherence to our mission and to our Reform Jewish halachah.

Our diversity is particularly evident among our lay sermonizers. Each of us brings a unique perspective when we engage in the study of Torah.

We recognize that while each sermonizer has an individual view, there are comments that make some congregants uncomfortable. One example is the language we use to describe the identities of our community and our members. We gladly anticipate the outcome of Kol Kolaynu's work (see "Putting Words to Our Voices" article at right) in collecting information about how we describe ourselves. We will utilize what we learn to shape our bimah language.

In the meantime, we invite ongoing congregational dialogue and feedback regarding services and sermons. So that we may observe a Shabbat of peace, we ask that criticism be withheld until after sundown on Saturday.

All synagogue members are welcome to help shape our ritual life by attending Ritual Committee meetings the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Call the synagogue office for meeting locations, or email Lyssa Friedman at Lyssa1@pacbell.net.

Oral History Projects: A Synergy is Born

—Nina Jo Smith

Several months ago, Robert Tat and I met to talk about CSZ's Oral History Project, and potential synergies between the Project and the Gay and Lesbian Historical Society. We were excited by the potential of GLHS lending its skills and resources to CSZ's efforts to record its past. We also hope CSZ can assist GLHS by supporting its efforts. Since 1985 GLHS has collected, preserved and disseminated Northern California queer history, including queer Jewish history.

As CSZ moves into our Mishkan, we begin a new chapter of our own history. What better time to intensify our efforts to document and honor our past by interviewing our founders, rabbis, lay leaders and other members, young and old? Some video footage has already

documented the congregation's goodbye to Danvers and the carrying of the Torah to the new building. We can also build on the interviews conducted for the memorable "18/10" video. With interviewees' consent, the audio or videotaped interviews will be placed in the Oral History Project at GLHS to be transcribed and properly stored.

GLHS will train CSZ members in oral history interviewing. CSZ member Susan Lubeck has already attended a GLHS oral history training, but we need more volunteers to get this project underway. If you or someone you know wants to be interviewed, or if you'd like to be trained in oral history interviewing, please contact Nina Jo Smith (647-3549). For more information on the Gay and Lesbian Historical Society, visit the GLHS website at www.glhs.org.

Putting Words to Our Voices

For most of our history, we've described our community as "a progressive Jewish congregation with a special outreach to the gay and lesbian community." A year ago, as we explored our increasing diversity during the summer Advance, many of us realized that these words may not adequately describe who we are today.

A committee was formed in February to explore this issue. We called ourselves *Kol Kolaynu*, Hebrew for "All Our Voices," reflecting how important it was to consider our entire membership in this process. Our charge is to develop a written description of the congregation that we can use in brochures, on our web site and in other publications — and to involve the congregation in this process.

In the last few months, we have

learned a great deal about each other and the congregation. We've wrestled with defining in text the complexities of who we are as a community. We've explored the challenges of finding the right words to express our common values and identities. And we've come to recognize the importance of each voice in this process.

If you have thoughts about how we communicate who we are, we want to hear from you. Send a note or e-mail to the synagogue office marked "Attention: Kol Kolaynu," or talk with one of the members of our committee. It will be most useful if we receive your ideas by the end of September. Many thanks for sustained work on this go to Michael Chertok, Susie Kisber, Chaya Rivka Mayerson, Michael Schaffer, David Stein, Robert Tat and Ami Zusman.

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High Holidays

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service, \$50 for all three. If you are able to pay more than this, we appreciate it, even if it is less than the full price. In accordance with Sha'ar Zahav's continuing tradition and policy, no one will be turned away for lack of funds while seating is still available.

Children's services and childcare

As in previous years, professional childcare will be available for infants who are able to sit up by themselves and for young children up to the age of five. Childcare is available for all services, with the exception of the second day of Rosh Hashanah and the

Yom Kippur afternoon services. The cost per service is \$15 per child for CSZ members and \$20 per child for non-members, including guests of members. As always, no member will be denied childcare due to an inability to pay. Please contact the office to make arrangements if they are needed.

This year, for the first time, Kadimah will be providing age-appropriate High Holiday programs for children from age five through b'nei mitzvah age. These programs will run concurrently with the adult services. Accordingly, members will not automatically receive main sanctuary tickets for children younger than 13. If you would prefer to have your child join you in the main sanctuary, we will be happy to accommodate your family. Please call the CSZ office and request a child's ticket for the main sanctuary. You will not receive a child's ticket unless you request one.

There is no charge for Kadimah students to participate in this programming; however, they must be pre-registered. For children of CSZ members who are not enrolled in Kadimah, the cost is \$15 per child per service. For children of non-members, it is \$20 per service.

Rosh Hashanah onegs and break fast

Please join us for an oneg following Erev Rosh Hashanah services on Sunday, September 20. After Rosh Hashanah morning services, bring a bag lunch and join our Seudat Mitzvah picnic at Fort Point before we do Tashlich as a community. Maps and directions to Fort Point will be available at the Rosh Hashanah services. Services on the second day of Rosh Hashanah will be fol-

lowed by an oneg.

At the conclusion of Neilah, the final service of Yom Kippur, there will be a congregational break fast at the Herbst Theater.

Begin the new year with a mitzvah

We still need High Holiday event volunteers. If you are interested, please call the CSZ office. Sha'ar Zahav's High Holiday services take place only with a great amount of volunteer time and effort. If you would like to usher, help with child care, help with the Food Drive or set up the onegs — or help with many, many other things — please call us.

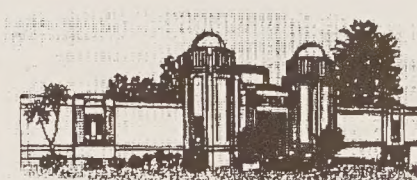
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Congregation Sha'ar Zahav would like to make the High Holidays as joyous and fulfilling a time for our members and friends as we can. If you have questions or concerns, or if you need more information on any topic, please call us (861-6932) and we will do our best to take care of you.

Planning Underway for Third CSZ Israel Trip

Did you know that the third Congregation Sha'ar Zahav Israel trip is being planned? Members of our congregation last went to Israel in 1996. We had great reviews from the participants of our last trip and are currently planning our third tour of Israel in 1999 or 2000. We will have a table set up at High Holiday services with pictures from the last trip. Stop by and take a look. Let us know if you might want to join us in 1999 or 2000.

Anyone who is interested in the trip is invited to a meeting on Wednesday, September 2 in San Francisco at 6:30 pm at 1839 15th Street (between Guerrero and Dolores). Come into the common room is just to the left of the entryway. We will discuss dates, the itinerary, cost and outreach. Please join us! For more information, contact Susan Lubeck (510/654-1072 or slubeck@support.center.org) or Laura Lowe (247-2409).



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Condolences

We extend our condolences to members who have suffered recent losses:

Patricia Lin, on the death of her grandmother, Yen-Huang Yu

Lonnie Weiss, on the death of her brother, Jackie Weiss

Mike Rankin, on the death of his friend, Frank Greenberg

Sandy O'Neill, on the death of her mother, Virginia O'Neill

Al Baum, Steve Horowitz & Sam Thal, on the death of their friend, Arnie Smoller

Robert Tat, on the death of his uncle, Clarence Schneider

Joe Hample, on the death of his mother, Amie Herscovici

Ruthy Talansky, on the death of her cousin, Beatzy Wertheimer

Contributions

Adult Education Fund

Doug Rodgers, in honor of his entrance into the Covenant.

Paul Cohen and Bob Gutterman, in memory of Jackie Weiss.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Mark Feldman and Bob Mackey.

Ingrid and Frank Jonas.

Phyllis Mintzer, in honor of the commitment and support of the students in her Hebrew class and B'nei Mitzvah study group.

Paul Cohen and Bob Gutterman, in honor of Ben Schalit's 40th birthday.

Paul Cohen and Bob Gutterman, in memory of Amie Herscovici.

AIDS Fund

Mike Rankin, in memory of Frank Greenberg.

Bikkur Cholim Fund

Arlene Gopen, in honor of Renée Bauer's having completed her chaplaincy course.

Phyllis and George Mintzer, in memory of Rachel Mailman.

Renée Bauer, in appreciation of Rabbi Eric Weiss for his wisdom, compassion and patience while being her mentor this year.

Robert and Rosyland Bauer, in honor of Renée's birthday and completion of her chaplaincy program.

Phyllis and George Mintzer, for the health of John Atteridg.

Children's Education Fund

Ellie Cohen and Greta Miskatel, in memory of David Weinstein.

Inbal Kashtan, in memory of Gili Patir.

General Fund

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Perel Berenstein.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Sadie Radetsky.

Arthur Slepian, in memory of George and Sarah Slepian.

Bernard Friedlander.

Betty Halliday, in memory of Rachel Mailman.

Dorothy Perkins, in honor of Elizabeth Katz's entrance into the Covenant.

Elizabeth Schaffer, in memory of Stanton Schaffer.

Ellie Cohen and Greta Miskatel, in memory of Virginia O'Neill.

Howard Steiermann, with thanks for the honor of Hagbah.

Ida Kuluk, in memory of Adele Kuluk and Andrea Goldberg.

Jeff Sherman, in memory of Dorothy Sanford and Miriam Kemp.

Joe Puchot.

Jerry Rosenstein, in honor of Ben Schalit's 40th birthday.

John Arnold, in honor of Jon Funk's birthday.

John Atteridg, in honor of Lea Salem.

Jon Funk and John Arnold, in memory of Alan Harap.

Keith Barton, with appreciation for the Pulpit Exchange with St. Matthew's Church.

Kyle West.

Marion and Harold Mailman, in memory of Rachel Mailman.

Marvin and Esther Diamond, in honor of Elizabeth Katz's entrance into the Covenant.

Melissa Mendonsa.

Robert and Rosyland Bauer, in honor of Tory Weiser's entrance into the Covenant.

Patti Moskovitz, in honor of Henri Nielson.

Robin Leonard and Tory Weiser, in memory of David Weinstein.

Perry Paker, in memory of Gussie Paker.

Renée Bauer and Jennifer Hirsch, in honor of Tory Weiser's entrance into the Covenant.

Richard Sinkoff, in honor of Rabbi Litman.

Robert Litman, in appreciation of the congregation's prayers for his recovery.

Robin Leonard and Tory Weiser, in honor of Amy Clark's new adventures.

Russell and Carol Tat, in memory of Rose Irene Tat.

Sam Thal, in memory of Dr. Arnold Smoller.

Sandra Morris, in memory of Rachel Mailman.

Ellie Cohen and Greta Miskatel, with appreciation for Julie LaPore and Seth Moskowitz and with best wishes for their return to New York.

Terry Rose, in memory of Maurice E. Ash.

Lisa Ochs and Lea Salem, in memory of Amie Herscovici.

Sarah Comerchero, in memory of Bertha Belmonte Comerchero.

Sarah Elson.

Terry Rose, in honor of Elizabeth Katz's entrance into the Covenant and in gratitude for being asked to participate in the service.

William M. Goldman, in honor of Dr. Mike Rankin.

Library Fund

Neil Hart, in memory of Sara Feldman.

Mishkan Dolores Fund

James Carlson, in honor of Jon Funk's birthday.

James Carlson, in memory of Jan Tuzzolino.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of David Kotch.

Ron Edelman.

Phil and Barbara Hodes, in honor of Batya Kalis's birthday.

Julia Friedlander.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Bill Schlichter.

Steve Elman and Tom Holt, in honor of Ben Schalit's 40th birthday.

Irene Rehbock, in memory of Marilyn O'Keeffe.

Carolyn Reiser, Karren Shorofsky and Julia Reiser-Shorofsky.

Jonathan Goldman, in honor of Bessie Landesman's birthday.

Sharyn Saslafsky, in honor of Lee Hunt and Joan Meisel.

Ray Bernstein.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Alex Konski.

James Carlson, in honor of Tory Weiser's entrance into the Covenant.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Jay Feinstein.

Susan Stahl, in appreciation of Susan Unger and Pam Erwin.

Allan Giannini.

Richard Woodul II, in honor of Arthur Slepian.

Miriam and Robert Stoll, in honor of George and Phyllis Mintzer's 55th anniversary.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Mirtha Beal.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Duff Kreitzberg.

Susan E. Lowenberg.

Yoel Kahn, Dan Bellm and Adam Bellm-Kahn, in honor of Phyllis Mintzer becoming bat mitzvah.

Keith Campbell, in memory of Clint Bigglestone.

Elizabeth Keir, in appreciation of Elana Dykewomyn.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Peter Barnes and Leyna Bernstein, in memory of Leo Barnes.

Dan Halpern, in memory of Sara Halpern.

Joe Hample, in loving memory of Amie Herscovici.

Tory Weiser, with thanks to Robin Leonard for her wisdom and patience.

Janice Strassheim and Susan Dambroff, in honor of the naming of Natalie Xiaodi Dambroff Strassheim.

Becky Dixon, in memory of Rachel Mailman.

Lisa Schiffman.

Torah Fund

Mike Rankin, in honor of Mark McCormick's entrance into the Covenant.

Mishkan Dolores

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may also dedicate specific items if they choose, although no dedications will appear within the sanctuary itself. Volunteers who contributed substantial amounts of time will also be acknowledged in some special way.

Dedication Celebration

Our new neighbors and community supporters will be invited to celebrate the completion of our Mishkan with us at the formal dedication on the weekend of Chanukah, December 18-20. The dedication festivities will include a Friday night service, a Saturday morning service and Torah study session, a Havdallah dedication ceremony, a Chanukah party and a Sunday open house. If you would like to work on this celebration, call Tiela Chalmers (386-6738).

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Anniversaries

- 1 Jeffrey Rubin & Frank Bush
- 4 Alan Michels & Laureen Ok Sun Kim
- 5 Susan Gelmis & Ilene Dick
- 8 Claudia Bernard & Howard Herman
- 13 Sara & Devra Felder Noily
- 13 Randy Heilbrunn & Lou Boudreau
- 17 Melissa & Ari Grossman-Naples
- 18 Alice Prussin & Smokey Cormier
- 19 Richard Inlander & Ben Schalit
- 23 Batya Kalis & Miriam Trentman
- 27 Susan Tubbesing & Sarah Nathe
- 29 Shelley Eisenman & Julie Moed
- 30 Susan Unger & Pam Erwin

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Naches

To **Doug Rodgers**, on his entrance into the covenant.

To **Troy Cascia and Chris Spanos**, on their wedding.

To **Julie and Laura Rosenthal-Bauer**, on the birth and naming of their daughter Arielle Miriam Rosenthal-Bauer.

To **Benji Achtenberg**, on becoming bar mitzvah.

To **Michael E. Schwartz**, on passing his PsyD clinical oral and receiving his master's degree.

To **Alison Austin**, on the formation of her own law firm, The Austin Law Group.

To **Lisa Feldstein, Max Drukman and Sophie Drukman-Feldstein**, on their new home.

To **Leora Eisenberg**, on receiving her MSW from UC Berkeley.

To **Lolma Olson**, on the publication of her book, *Achieving Impressive Customer Service: 7 Strategies for the Healthcare Manager* (AHA Press), written with Gail Scott & Wendy Leebov.

To **Rachel Wahba and Judy Dlugacz**, on the birth of their granddaughter, Rebecca, and on their 20th anniversary.

To **Jonah Levy**, on becoming bar mitzvah.

To **Jeff Forman**, on the mention of his "heavenly buttery tart crust" in the June 98 issue of *Gourmet* magazine.

To **Robyn Bramhall and Ellen Maremont Silver**, on their marriage.

To **Sue Bojdak**, on her new job at San Francisco Hillel.

To **Alice Prussin**, on starting her own business, Prussin Lighting Design.

To **Geoff Benjamin**, on his acceptance to University of San Francisco's business school.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

Nicole Gendler

Avrom Pfeffer

Daryl Morrell

Kate Warren

Julie, Laura & Arielle Rosenthal-Bauer

Kyle West

Mark Reisbaum

Derek (Shamir) Durst

Joshua Margulies & Frank Sieple

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

Oneg Sponsors

These generous people sponsored the Oneg Shabbat in recent weeks:

7/3 **Jonathan Funk and John Arnold**, in honor of Jonathan's parents' visit to CSZ

7/10 **Dan Halpern**, in loving memory of his daughter Sara

8/7 **Laura and Julie Rosenthal-Bauer**, in honor of the naming of Arielle Miriam Rosenthal-Bauer

8/14 **Yeva Johnson and Michael Potter**, in honor of Myer Jai Johnson-Potter

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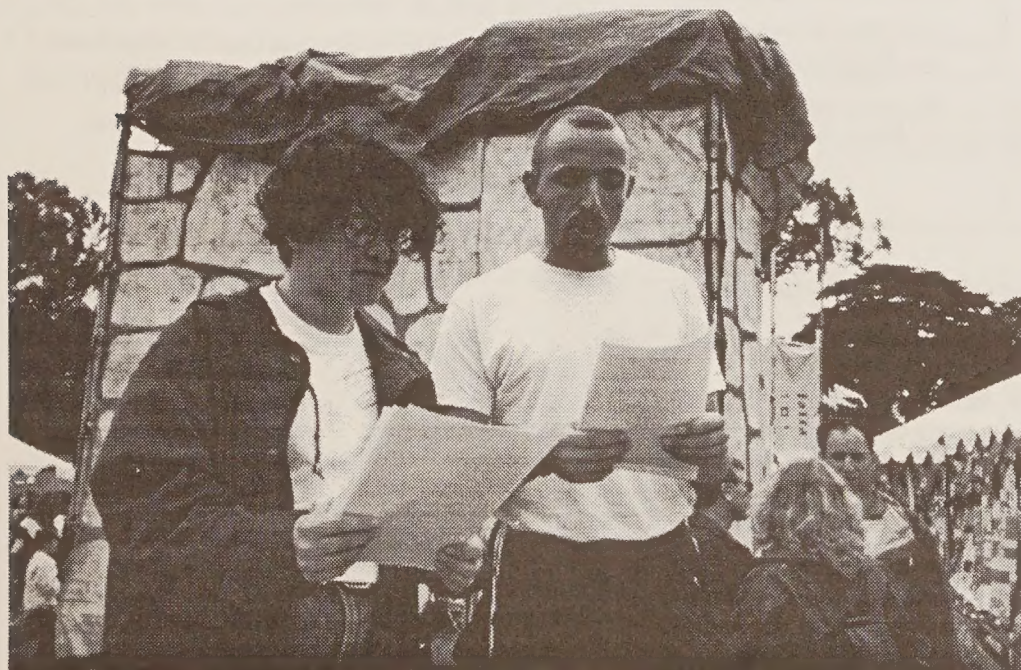
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CSZ TEEN looking for babysitting and mother's helper work. Call G. Lindsey at 334-4784 for information.

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, AND TRANS-GENDERED physicians and medical students: join your BAPHR colleagues for "liver rounds" at Mecca, 2029 Market Street near Dolores, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm the second Friday of every month! Mecca is a short walk to Sha'ar Zahav - socialize before services!



Hillel Meyer and Renée Bauer reading poetry.



Birthdays

1	Smokey Cormier
1	Lorraine Locke-Nacamulli
2	Jeff Friedman
2	Simma Lieberman
2	Asher Litschwartz
2	Jeff Nathanson
3	Nancy Halloran
3	David Israels
5	Karren Shorofsky
7	Alvin Baum
7	Richard Brand
8	Ray Feinstein Cagan
8	Lana Junger
8	Tariana Junger
8	Ellen Press
9	Jeremy Hoffman
9	Edward Lopatin
9	Julie Rosenthal-Bauer
9	Mark Weisman
10	Aaron Bekker-Dulmage
10	Valerie Curtis
10	Sandy O'Neill
11	Lawrence Helman
12	Nicole Bloom
12	Robin Leonard
13	Paul Margolis
13	Eva Rosenbaum
13	William Snow
15	Mark Oliver
19	Lisa Hamburger
19	Sophia Klain-Chavez
19	Robert Tat
20	Elizabeth Katz
20	Mark Klaiman
21	Claire Hoch-Frohman
22	Raena Frohlich
22	Roslyn Fuerman
22	Marin Sanders-Holzman
23	Marianne Ades
24	Andre Dombrowski
26	Lauren Cuttler
26	Jeffrey Forman
28	John Atteridg
28	Arthur Cohen
28	James Frazin
28	Ellen Goldstein
28	Alex Pekka Hall
28	Daphne Stuart
29	Simon Glinsky
29	Judith Wolfe
30	Gary Birnbaum
30	Elisabeth Ochs
30	Michael Portman



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*Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair
are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.*

Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and of the World Congress

of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations.

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am — check calendar for each month.

1 Tuesday
10 Elul
• 6:30 pm, Dues Committee

2 Wednesday
11 Elul
• 6:30 pm, Israel Trip planning meeting, 1839 15th Street, between Guerrero and Dolores
• 7 pm, Newsletter editing

3 Thursday
12 Elul
• CSZ co-sponsors Interfaith Conference on Domestic Violence

4 Friday
13 Elul
• 7 pm, Early service, led by Sarita Groisser
• 7:16 pm, Candle lighting
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Ki Tetze, led by Michael Schwartz and Lyssa Friedman, aufruf of Jim Frazin and Louisa Stone, sermon by Rabbi Litman

5 Saturday
14 Elul

6 Sunday
15 Elul

7 Monday
16 Elul
• Labor Day, office closed
• 7 pm, Newsletter proofreading and layout

8 Tuesday
17 Elul

9 Wednesday
18 Elul

10 Thursday
19 Elul

11 Friday
20 Elul
• 7:06 pm, Candle lighting
• 7:15 pm, Niggun service
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Ki Tavo, led by Eileen Levy, sermon by Brian Besser, aufruf of Debby Gelber and Avi Pfeffer

12 Saturday
21 Elul
• 9:30 am, Kadimah
• 10 am, Shabbat morning service, led by Lyssa Friedman and Michael Schwartz, Bar Mitzvah of Michael Schwartz
• 3 pm, HIV group
• 9 pm, Selichot, led by Rabbi Litman, Richard Sinkoff and Eileen Levy

13 Sunday
22 Elul
• 10 am, Mikvah class at the JCC

14 Monday
23 Elul
• 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting

Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.

15 Tuesday
24 Elul
• Rabbi Litman co-leads Freedom to Marry Interfaith Service at the Unitarian Center

16 Wednesday
25 Elul

17 Thursday
26 Elul
• 7 pm, Bikkur Cholim

18 Friday
27 Elul
• 6:55 pm, Candle lighting
• 8:15 pm, East Bay service
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Nitzavim, led by Nina Wouk and Brian Besser

19 Saturday
28 Elul
• Trail Midrash, 9:30 am carpool, 10:15 pm trailhead, Redwood Regional Park, Oakland

20 Sunday
29 Elul
• 12 noon, Tikkun Olam Committee serves meals with JFCS
• 6 pm, La'atid picnic
• 7:30 pm, Erev Rosh Hashanah services at Herbst Theater

21 Monday
1 Tishri
• 9:30 am, Rosh Hashanah services at Herbst Theater

22 Tuesday
2 Tishri
• 9:30 am, Second Day Rosh Hashanah services at St. Matthew's

23 Wednesday
3 Tishri

24 Thursday
4 Tishri

25 Friday
5 Tishri
• 6:44 pm, Candle lighting
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Shuvah/Vayeilekh, led by Daniel Chesir and Leah Halperin, sermon by Rabbi Litman

26 Saturday
6 Tishri

27 Sunday
7 Tishri
• 10 am, Cemetery visit

28 Monday
8 Tishri

29 Tuesday
9 Tishri
• 6 pm, La'atid pre-fast dinner
• 7:30 pm, Kol Nidre services at Herbst Theater

30 Wednesday
10 Tishri
• 9:30 am, Yom Kippur services at Herbst Theater

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